

Remarks

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing data for the above-identified application and to include a statement as to federally sponsored research. In addition, applicants have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification and the new Abstract raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

Claims 1-5 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 2-4 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$500.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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